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A few suggestions here for Tuesday shoppers. Scan the list.

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GLOVES (all kinds), PAJAMAS,
NECKWEAR, HOSIERY, SUSPENDERS,
SHIRTS, MUFFLERS,
COMBINATION SETS (Tie, Handkerchief and Hose),
BELTS, BATH ROBES,
HOUSE COATS, Etc., Etc.

DRY WAVE SPREADS ALL OVER VIRGINIA

Deficiency in Rainfall Locally Since July 1 Amounts to Nearly Eight Inches.

NO BLACK CLOUD IN SIGHT

Farmers, However, Had Good Opportunity to House Crops. Tobacco Planters Suffer.

According to the Weather Bureau, the last five months have been the driest in many years, there having been a deficiency in accumulated rainfall of nearly eight inches since July 1. These figures, while they represent only conditions in this city and vicinity, are said by Director Evans to be fairly accurate for the entire State. The report for the month of June showed an excess of .62 inches, while estimates covering the period from that time to December 1 show a loss of more than seven inches after having used up the excess passed over to July.

Speaking of the conditions yesterday, Director Evans noted that although the rainfall had been so unusually short, crops in various parts of the State had suffered but little, though a small shortage had been reported in the upland districts.

Did Not Hurt Farmers.

For gathering and housing corn and other grain it could not have been better, and then farmers have been able to get through with a great deal of fall plowing and seeding. Mr. Evans attributes this to the fact that what little rain has fallen came under the most favorable circumstances, evaporation having been at the minimum. Then, too, the nights have been unusually cool, conserving the moisture to a great extent. Thus it is that in spite of the lack of rain, the summer and fall have been most favorable to the farmer.

Those who suffered most were tobacco planters. While they had as a rule season sufficient for planting and growth, and good weather for housing their crops, there has been but little weather moist enough to get tobacco into marketable shape, which results in many farmers being left with the entire crop still hanging in the houses.

Asked if there was any immediate prospect of more rain, Director Evans said yesterday that it was problematical just now. "The deficiency will be made up," he said, "but just when it is hard to say. Perhaps we will not take up this work until after completing the new Weather Bureau on Chimborazo Park."

BOARD TO DISCUSS JUVENILE COURTS

Association Will Meet To-Night to Approve Law for Handling Young Offenders.

The board of directors of the Juvenile Protective Association of Virginia will meet to-night for the purpose of approving some law for the establishment of juvenile courts in Richmond and other cities in Virginia with a population of more than 30,000 persons. A draft of the proposed act, which has been prepared with the approval of one of the members of the board by a law firm in Richmond, will be presented for the consideration of the members, and its many features discussed.

Joseph E. Willard is president of the association. Others expected to be present as members of the board are: Milton B. Marcuse, J. L. Montague, Rev. J. B. O'Reilly, Rev. James Buchanan, W. L. Walters, Mrs. Morris H. Asher, Mrs. Henry E. Baskerville, Mrs. C. E. Bolling, Charles G. Bosher, Mrs. P. Branch, John Stewart Bryan, Mrs. Andrew H. Christian, Jr., J. J. Samuel Cohen, Charles B. Cooke, J. J. Crutchfield, Dr. Robert W. Forsyth, O. H. Funsten, W. W. Gillette, Rev. Charles P. Hannigan, Charles Hutzler, Mrs. E. L. Lindsey, Christopher Manning, Jr., Eugene C. Massie, Rev. W. J. Mayhew, Mrs. R. C. Minor, C. C. Pinckney, John Rutherford, Louis Werner, A. B. Williams and John L. Williams.

It is said that as soon as the association has agreed upon a law which will meet all requirements, it will be presented to the State Board of Charities for its approval, and in its completed form will be taken before the Legislature.

WILL ESTABLISH TRAP-CAR SERVICE

Chesapeake and Ohio to Grant Concession Effective January 15.

Applied to shipments of 5,000 pounds or more to the car, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway will begin January 15 next, establish trap-car service without charge for industries and assigned sidings on its railway within the switching limits of Richmond.

President George W. Stevenson gave out yesterday the following official statement:

"The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company does now, and always has, absorbed the switching on carload freight destined to competitive points. We opposed the action of the Southern lines in withdrawing this privilege from Richmond merchants. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company will, commencing January 15, 1910 (the earliest date the tariff can be put into effect), establish what is known as 'trap-car' service without charge from industries and assigned sidings on its railway in the switching limits of Richmond to its freight stations for distribution to points on and reached by its line, when shipments amount to 5,000 pounds or more per car. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company is also willing to establish similar service from connecting lines, provided the service is reciprocated."

The establishment of trap-car service with connecting lines as proposed by the road, would be especially acceptable to the business houses of Richmond, and it is believed that the other roads will find it difficult to refuse to co-operate in this matter. The new service, as announced yesterday, will result in the saving of much money to those business men who ship in quantities.

Judge Williams Here.

Judge Martin Williams, the member of the House of Delegates from Giles and Blaine counties, was in Richmond yesterday on private business. Judge Williams is being mentioned for the caucus and of the joint legislative caucus at the coming session.

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CANNOT TALK IF PAGE IS ABSENT

Manchester Committee on Annexation Therefore Calls Off Joint Sessions.

Plans for Union of Cities Halt Until Manchester Council Names City Attorney.

L. R. Brown, chairman of the Manchester committee on annexation, decided that it was impracticable to hold the joint meeting with the Richmond committee, which was scheduled for to-night. Mr. Brown's statement is that City Attorney Charles L. Page has absolutely refused to appear before any joint session of the committees on annexation, and that as the matter now stands, he, as well as other members of his committee, are unwilling to discuss the question without a legal adviser.

Mr. Brown will notify Chairman Pollard of the Richmond committee, of his decision this morning. What effect the calling off of the meeting will have is largely a surmise, as none of the Manchester representatives can say how soon Chairman J. R. Perdue, of the Manchester Board of Aldermen, will call the Council together to consider Mr. Page's resignation or to elect his successor. The general opinion in Manchester, as expressed last night is that there will be little or no delay in agreeing on Mr. Page's resignation, as the Mayor has refused to listen to requests that he continue in office, and because most positive on persuasion that he will have nothing else to do, in a public way at least, with the plan for the union of the cities.

Mr. Brown said that he and other Council members are thoroughly tired of the annexation question, and will urge immediate action in the Page matter, to the end that the joint sessions of the annexation committees may be resumed as soon as possible. President Perdue is expected to call the Council together within the next few days, but it is not believed that the deliberations of the committees can be continued for at least two weeks, as there are several names mentioned for the city attorney, and it will likely take some time to agree on Mr. Page's successor.

"We are in no position to continue the discussion of the annexation matter at this time," said Mr. Brown, "and while I sincerely regret that there is nothing left for me to do but to await the result of the Council's deliberations, I do not believe, however, that any serious delay will be caused by a temporary calling off of the joint sessions, and am of the opinion that the Council members, in the meantime, will act promptly in the premises."

TRY CONWAY TO-MORROW

Defense Has Summoned About Thirty Witnesses in Behalf of Prisoner.

James R. Conway will be put on trial for his life in the Hustings Court to-morrow morning for the murder of Robert E. Torrence, whom he shot down in front of his saloon when the latter approached him as to the alleged attentions paid by Conway to Torrence's wife. Conway was never able to secure bail, and is now in the City Jail. He has employed Harry M. Smith and L. O. Vendenburg to defend him, and Commonwealth's Attorney Folkes will be aided by M. J. Fulton, of O'Leary & Fulton, whose services were retained by the State last night at the dying request of the slain man.

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Old Case on Trial.

The suit of the Richmond Woodworking Company against M. M. Straube, was put on trial in the Law and Equity Court yesterday morning before Judge Ingram and a jury. Damages are asked in the sum of \$6,000. The case was once before tried, a verdict being rendered in the sum of \$2,500, which was set aside by the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, and a new trial granted. The hearing will probably take several days.

NO EXCUSE FOR LOAFERS HERE

There is probably not a city in the United States that can boast conditions of labor such as exist in Richmond, according to the Rev. James Buchanan, secretary of the Associated Charities, who says there is such a demand here for unskilled workmen that he is unable to secure employment for any number of men, and is constantly urged to secure helpers by the large manufacturing plants and contractors. Such conditions have not existed in Richmond since the fall of 1907, when the unemployed in this city were reduced to the loafers, which are apparently, according to statistics, no more than a negligible fraction in any thickly settled community.

Three men--two cripples and one incapacitated by a given lodging in the night, while this time last year it was not unusual to furnish free board and lodging to twenty-five or thirty men in a single night, and occasionally the number reached forty. The question of labor conditions was brought up yesterday from the printing of an article in The Times-Dispatch to the effect that a local contractor had tried in vain to secure twenty laborers for permanent employment.

Dr. Buchanan states that he is able to take in night for lodging and by 5 o'clock the next morning can locate them as wage-earners, at a rate of pay which is not less than that of the industrial plant. Similar conditions have been found to exist at the Methodist Institute, which is another of the city's institutions for the maintenance of the willing worker in hard luck, and representatives of various agencies have been alarmed with the difficulty in securing labor.

REWARD OFFERED FOR MANASSAS CASE

One Hundred Dollars for Murderer of Prince William Woman.

Governor Swanson yesterday offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who murdered Miss Ella Smith and burned her home in Prince William county, four miles north of Manassas and near the Bull Run battlefield, on the night of November 20.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor, but when he reached the scene the dwelling had been burned to the foundation. Miss Smith's charred body was found in the ruins.

The authorities, after an investigation, announced that they were confident that murder had been done. The dead woman was said to have had a considerable sum of money in her possession.

VICTORY FOR GOOD ROADS

Pulaski County Reported to Have Voted \$70,000 Bond Issue.

The result of Saturday's election in Pulaski county, when Pulaski Magistrate District voters voted bonds to the amount of \$70,000 for the purpose of building good roads, was learned with much pleasure yesterday at the office of the State Highway Commissioner. It was learned that the result would be adverse because of confusion over liability for the payment of the bonds.

The only information received is that the majority was 100. Whether this means for the entire county or for the district only was not learned. The law requires majorities in both instances.

State aid will be extended in the Pulaski county case. The building, the present is regarded by Commissioner Wilson as an excellent time in which to hold elections on the subject, as the bonds can be sold and preparations made for work in the early spring.

ADDRESSES TO FARMERS

Institutes to Be Held in Western Part of State Next Week.

Quite an array of practical men will address the farmers' institutes to be held next week under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture. One of these is to be at Elk Creek, Grayson county, on December 16, and the other at Calloway, Franklin county, on December 18.

Frank C. Commissioner of Agriculture, George W. Kolmer, will speak on "Improvement of Soil." Dr. F. W. Fletcher, director of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station at Blacksburg, on "Fruit." S. B. Helges, of Powhatan, on "Cotton." Breeding, and J. M. Barker, president of the State Board of Agriculture, on "Better Farming."

The Institute at Calloway will be addressed by Commissioner Kolmer, Mr. Barker, Mr. Fletcher, State Dairy Commissioner W. D. Saunders on dairying, Professor Brainard on dairying, and State Highway Commissioner P. St. Julien Wilson on good roads.

MONUMENT COMMISSION TO MEET

Governor Swanson went to Washington yesterday. To-day at 1 o'clock he will attend a meeting of the Virginia Gettysburg Monument Commission, which will be held in the quarters of the State Engineer, at the Dewey Hotel. At the meeting the commission hopes to agree on a site on the battlefield for the monument which Virginia proposes to erect there to her soldiers who participated in the engagement.

Would Equalize Taxes.

Alden Bell, of Culpeper, a member of the House of Delegates, was at the Capitol yesterday. Mr. Bell spent some time at the State Library looking over the references recently catalogued for the use of members of the Legislature by Librarian C. C. Waine, on the subject of equalization of taxation. Mr. Bell is especially interested in this matter, regarding it as one of the most important of the day. He has had occasion to study the question not only in Virginia but in Texas, of which State's Legislature he formerly a member. His idea is that both county and State equalization boards would be of value.

CONFERENCE ON HOOKWORK

State Health Commissioner E. O. Williams yesterday received an invitation to attend a conference on the eradication of hookworm, to be held in Atlanta on January 15 and 16. The invitation states that the Rockefeller Foundation has been invited to participate and that the commission has replied that it will be represented.

The Governor has been asked by the promoters of the meeting to appoint delegates to the conference.

MR. KOLMER TO MAKE SPEECH

Commissioner of Agriculture George W. Kolmer will deliver an address to-day before the Southern Commercial Congress in Washington on "Neglected Agricultural Opportunities in the South." Dr. F. W. Fletcher, of the Department of Agriculture, will speak on the same subject.

Judge Thornton to Hold Court.

Judge T. B. J. Thornton, of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, was yesterday designated by the Governor to hold term of the Circuit Court of Warwick county, beginning on December 14, to preside at the trial of annexation proceedings of the city of Newport News. Immediately afterward Judge Thornton will sit in the Circuit Court of Elizabeth City county. In the same cause. Apparently Newport News is trying to spread out over both of its adjoining counties.

TO HAVE PARADE OF WORK HORSES

Annual Meeting Shows Society to Be in Satisfactory Shape.

Agent Taylor's Report.

As a means of arousing interest in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Workhorses, the board of directors of that organization, in its annual report, submitted publicly for the first time yesterday, recommends the holding of a workhorse parade some time within the next few months, in which all merchants, wholesale and retail, will be invited to enter their draught animals. It is estimated that about 2,000 horses and mules will be entered, and that the line will extend many squares.

Prizes will be awarded, and as the event will give the public the first opportunity of seeing the condition in which the animals go through their daily routine over the crowded streets, there is no doubt that the owners will exert an effort to improve their teams for the competition. It is said by those in charge of the society's work that the class of horses used on the streets in Richmond is equal to that in any other city, and that this has been demonstrated more than once when local merchants have won prizes at various State fairs.

ANSWERS FILED IN GLAZE LAND SUIT

Suttons Come Back With Warm Reply--Crawley Enters Strong Denial.

Alleging that the suit brought against them by the Glazes a few days ago, charging fraud in a deal for a farm in Henrico county, is the outcome of a personal feud between J. M. Sutton and one Rennie, a member of the real estate firm of Rudd & Co., the answer of Sutton and his wife, Mrs. V. M. Sutton, was filed yesterday in the Chancery Court. At the same time the answer of K. C. Crawley, another defendant, was filed.

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The answer further states that Crawley told Glaze that if the Washington deal was not consummated, and he, Glaze, desired to do so, he could repurchase the property on the terms on which he sold it, and this offer is again made in the answer.

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A special communication of Dove Lodge No. 51, A. F. & A. M., will be held at the Masonic Temple at 7 o'clock to-night for degree work.

REPUBLICANS WILL DISCUSS PLANS FOR SECURING PERMANENT QUARTERS

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GRACE KING'S TABLE

Richmond Dealer Ships Porcine Product to His Majesty's Caterer in London.

Had Lucullus and Epicurus lived in this day, there can be no gainsaying the fact that they would not have been content with the flacons of the "rich" and "poor" wines. One of the largest dealers in groceries in Richmond yesterday shipped 250 fine Virginia hams to London, the consignee being one of the retailers who is on the list of caterers to His Majesty Edward VII.

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SWANSON PRAISES STAMP CAMPAIGN

Red Cross Emblems Widely Distributed Throughout Virginia.

The Red Cross stamp campaign throughout the State has received a marked impetus from the fact that Governor Swanson, in a letter made public yesterday, heartily commends the enterprise. At the same time, Mayor Richardson declares his interest in the conduct of the stamp campaign in Richmond.

Governor Swanson's statement covers the entire work of the new State Anti-Tuberculosis Association, but is particularly concerned with the Red Cross campaign. On this subject the Governor writes:

"The employment of the Red Cross Christmas stamps as a means of enlisting recruits for the crusade against the great white plague must appeal to all of us by its means, the poorest as well as those more fortunately situated, can join hands in the fight against tuberculosis, and on the anniversary of the birth of Christ send pleasant greetings to their friends and a ray of hope to all who know the suffering that this terrible affliction entails."

Mayor Richardson, in his letter, expressed hearty approval of the plan of the Richmond anti-tuberculosis forces, to devote the proceeds of the stamp sale to building a tuberculosis camp. "That you are giving every one of us an opportunity to help in a noble work," he writes, "while sending mementoes to friends and loved ones, at the time when 'Peace on earth, good-will to men,' is in the hearts and on the lips of the whole civilized world, is a happy thought that adds to the value of the campaign."

The officers of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association are busily engaged in sending out stamps to every corner of the State. Many requests for the little tokens are coming in from unexpected sources, and, in many instances, merchants are sending stamps as a supply. "If the people will really follow the plan until Christmas," said an officer of the association yesterday, "tuberculosis work in Virginia will be placed on a firm footing."

OPEN NEW LODGE ROOMS

Dove Lodge of Masons Secures Handful of New Members.

Dove Lodge, No. 51, A. F. & A. M., will open its new lodge rooms in the Masonic Temple on Friday night with special Masonic exercises, to which members of other lodges and Masonic fraternity generally will be invited. The rooms have been fitted at great expense, both in general furnishings and in the beauty and taste of the Masonic emblems, several of which have been presented by members of the lodge.

The occasion of the dedication of the new rooms will be the fifty-ninth anniversary of the lodge, which was organized December 1, 1850. The exercises begin at 6 P. M. The committee on reception is made up as follows: Alex. G. Brown, Jr., chairman; Dr. J. W. Eggleston, J. S. Hopkins, D. S. Harwood, R. E. Craig and E. T. D. Myers, Jr. E. L. Roth will act as marshal, and E. H. Cosby will have charge of the music.

The present officers of the lodge are: Clifford H. Rudd, worshipful master; W. F. Kite, senior warden; Lewis E. Harvie, junior warden; H. T. Thornton, treasurer; Ben T. August, secretary; W. C. Carrick, senior deacon; W. Withers Miller, junior deacon.

BIG MEETING TO-NIGHT

Colored People Warmly Support Anti-Tuberculosis Work.

The most important meeting since its organization will be held to-night by the Richmond Anti-Tuberculosis League at the Fourth Baptist Church, Twenty-eighth and P Streets, when officers will be elected and a constitutional convention held. The meeting will be addressed by Chief Health Officer E. C. Levy, Dr. Truman A. Parker, Dr. A. W. Freeman and Dr. W. D. Hughes (colored). The lectures will be illustrated by stereopticon views.

There are now more than 700 members enrolled in the organization and a membership campaign is in progress. The constitution will provide, among other things, that an annual fee of 5 cents be paid by each active member and 5 cents by each child towards its support. The colored people have taken up the red cross stamp feature, and have the stamps on sale at their most prominent places of business.

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